Bar on promotion of TGT's in KVs

382. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Trained Graduate Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas who acquired post-graduate degrees in the subjects other than those opted for at the graduation level, have recently been debarred/ rendered ineligible for departmental promotions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the rationale therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Amendments have been made in the Recruitment Rules providing for a feeder subject post at TGT level for promotion to specific subject disciplines at PGT level. This has been done to ensure that only such teachers from TGT level are promoted to PGT level who have teaching experience of the concerned subject at TGT level.

Medical officers in Navodaya Vidyalayas

383. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no medical officer, male or female is appointed in Navodaya Vidyalayas, to look after medical needs of the students; and

(b) if so, the rationale therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is a provision for appointment of a part time Doctor and full-time qualified Staff Nurse in Navodaya Vidyalayas to look after the medical needs of students.

Funding of Yoga Centre by UGC

384. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news

report which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 18th May, 2002 captioned "UGC to fund Yoga Centre at Chhattarpur", (Delhi);

(b) if so, the details of the financial assistance proposed to be offered;

(c) what are the course curriculum being organised at this yoga centre and the number of persons imparted training during 2001; and

(d) whether there have been any complaints against this funding, when the UGC is facing financial crisis, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission, a sum of Rs. 2,80,000/- (Rs. 1,00,000/- for initial furnishing, equipment and contingency and Rs. 1,80,000/- for one year salary of two Yoga Instructors *w.e.f.* the date of joining @ Rs. 7,500/- p.m. (each) has been released to Jain Vishwa Bharati Institute, Ladnun for setting up a Yoga Centre in its Camp Office at Chhattarpur, Delhi during 2000-01.

(c) The activities organised during the year 2001-02 were-Morning Meditation, Yogabhyas, Kayotsarga (Relaxation), Evening Meditation, Preksha Meditation Heart, Diabetes & HBP, Preksha Meditation Asthama, Preksha Meditation Stress Management, Preksha Meditation Sadhna Sivir, Preksha Meditation Health Happiness for Senior Citizens and Preksha Meditation Colour Therapy.

The UGC has informed that the number of persons participated in different activities under the Yoga Centre were 1069 during the academic year 2000-01 and the number of persons participated during the academic year 2001-02 were 508.

(d) No, Sir.

Performance of Urdu schools

385. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-items which appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' dated the 4th June, 2002 under the caption, "Urdu Schools fail to deliver";